

In the Specification:

On page 3, between lines 12 and 13, please insert the following:

–SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION: The invention relates to a device that is used to fit a nucleus prosthesis comprising: a deformable elastic nucleus prosthesis which can adapt to the shape of intervertebral cavities, said prosthesis consisting of two parts, namely a male part and a female part; and an insertion assembly which is connected to the nucleus prosthesis. The elastic deformation of the inventive nucleus prosthesis makes it possible for the prosthesis to be inserted into the intervertebral cavity. According to the invention, said prosthesis is inserted using the elasticity thereof and the insertion means which form part of the device before insertion but which can be subsequently removed. The invention also relates to different forms of prosthesis and insertion devices.—.

On the top of page 4, replace the subtitle “DESCRIPTION” with --BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--.

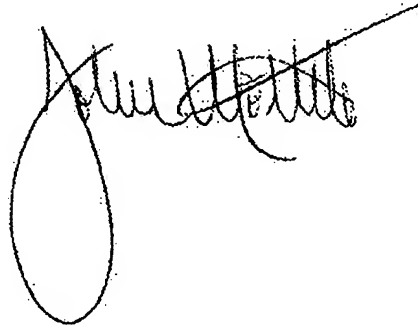
On page 5, between lines 15 and 16, please insert the subtitle –DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT(S):--

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter has been entered by this amendment. Any limitations to the claims are made solely for the purpose of expediting the prosecution of the application and, unless otherwise expressly stated, are not made to narrow, vis-à-vis the prior art, the scope of protection which any subsequently issuing patent might afford. Again, if the Examiner has further questions, he is invited to contact the undersigned at phone 011-4122-747-7849, fax at 011-4122-347-7887 (Geneva is 6 hours ahead of Eastern Std Time), or e-mail at moetteli@email.com.

The Undersigned authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fee or credit any overpayment of any fee under 37 CFR §1.16 and §1.17 which may be required in this application to the deposit account of MOETTELI & ASSOCIES SARL, no. 50-2621.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Moetiteli', with a large, stylized loop at the end of the signature.

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Enclosure: replacement abstract